

STRENGTHENING FAMILIES LOCALLY

10/5/20 Spokane planning meeting notes

In attendance:

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Reminders:

- 1. Partner Bios:** Feel free to start populating this document with your name and an organizational or personal bio to share with others.
https://docs.google.com/spreadsheets/d/16CFz6UR3xll1_GB0W9GCgtsIWvEx6bketnYtdz4jjwM/edit?usp=sharing
- 2. Notes on Strengths and Needs:** A document starting to compile notes from informal meetings and conversations. (link was incorrect during the meeting)
<https://dcyf.box.com/s/xvqh0xif2qoccxw4vmr6m7pz6ejcf9fp>
- 3. SFL Website:**
<https://www.dcyf.wa.gov/services/child-development-supports/sfwa/sf-locally>
- 4. Community Values:**
<https://dcyf.box.com/s/ifo8e95ipniej28yy4mxbr9tg5bjcpbk>
- 5. Save-the-date:** December 16thth, 2-4ish (instead of our regular meeting on 12/21).
Understanding Systems for Change from Priority Spokane and SHRD

Goals:

DYCF's goals in Strengthening Families Locally are:

1. Reduce rates of child maltreatment
2. Reduce rates of foster care entry
3. Eliminate racial disproportionalities in maltreatment and foster care entry in the target areas
4. Increase community resilience
5. Develop a replicable community-driven prevention model



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What other, “unstated” goals do you have for this group/project? What is bringing you to this table?

Services:

- Understanding when and where there might be differences in experiences and how to decrease disproportionalities in order to increasing consistency of experience for families, children, and service providers/natural supports
- Understanding and empowering the community that is most at risk and partnering with them more effectively
- Strengthen capacity and scope of services in the community
- Increase literacy of community members
- Develop a "no wrong door" point of entry for families into the delivery system

Systems:

- Taking an inventory of services and gaps in the community, as well as accessibility to those services
- Develop a “strategic prevention plan” that will help with funding strategies and collaboration in the future
- Increase DCYF’s collaboration with local agencies who work with teen populations, specifically around mental/behavioral health placements

Knowledge:

- Increasing knowledge and transparency about local child welfare practices and systems
 - For families: education about follow-through with medical/therapeutic providers, and transparency of the system
 - For medical/therapeutic providers: education about how to support follow-through with families and
 - For community members and service providers: education about what safety concerns/threats look like, what can be done to mitigate those before formal intervention needs to occur
 - For DCYF staff: education about local service providers, to learn what local program offer and how to effectively connect families to them
- Establish a regular marketing campaign to community members
- Training for providers

We will review these as we move forward.

Engagement Planning Process:

Outreach/Engagement Goal	Who needs to be involved?	Primary Activities	Timeframe
Inform the community about the project	Broad distribution, families, service providers, other community	- Informing community about SFL activities	Contingent on Sensemaker?

	services/businesses, planning team	- Have an easy ask for family involvement	
Sensemaker distribution	- Families - Service providers - Community members	- Data directly from families - An “easy ask” of families and service providers - way to be involved right away	Waiting for Sensemaker contract
Sensemaker analysis	- Planning team - Invite families, service providers		
Community mapping/historical mapping	-Planning team - Expand out to other agencies	- Visually “mapping” the community to help determine where families are getting support - Support goal of “Taking an inventory of services and gaps in the community, as well as accessibility to those services”	Planning team meeting, 10/19
Data sharing	- SFL Data Analyst (not yet hired) - Community invitation - Talk with Empire Health about overlap	- Share data from DCYF and other sources with community and discuss - Discussion about meaning of data to community	-waiting for Data Analyst to be hired
Meetings with CW frontline staff	- DCYF staff (for confidentiality/comfort reasons) - Joy and Erinn	- Meeting with DCYF CW investigators/FAR workers in each community - Inviting DCYF CW supervisors to a SFL community meeting to share thoughts and ideas Crucial questions: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. What are the biggest or most frequent unmet needs you see in families in Spokane? 2. What sources of resilience and support do you see in families in Spokane? 3. What other stories do you tell co-workers or yourself about the Spokane community? - Notes shared back to Planning Team once they are de-identified	10/23, 10/28

Meetings with community family support/direct service staff	- Planning team	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Capture information and stories from current participants - what issues have come up where resources weren't in place to support family - How do we engage the providers about their lived experiences - See "Crucial Questions" above 	
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Collaboration:

Sector/Role	Org.	Name	Who will contact?
Tribal groups	American Indian Community Center	Debbie T	Richard - will connect Joy
Tribal groups	Native Project	Toni Lodge Taylor Birdtail	Richard - will connect Joy
Hispanic groups	Mujeres in Action		Joy - waiting for connection
Childcare - ECAP, Early Head Start			
	Inland Northwest Early Childhood Network		Joy
Family Support	Child Care Aware of Eastern Wa - working in NE Spokane		Rowena - ?
Family Support	Children's home society		Rebecca
	Community Minded Enterprises	Lee Williams	Joy
Schools	Spokane School District		{DONE}

Next Steps:

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- Next meeting – 10/19, 1:30-2:30
- “Community Mapping” activity, engagement plan